

EDUCATION IN TENNESSEE.

Commencement Exercises at Walden University—Many Colored Members of the Faculty, an ex-Confederate and an ex-Slave Meet in a New Role—Nashville News Notes.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.—We are in the midst of commencement season and many visitors are in the city. Walden University has just closed a successful year's work. There were 105 graduates, as follows: Teachers, preparatory, 51; Teachers' course, 12; Normal, 2; College, 3; Theology, 12; Law, 12; Business, 10; Music, 1; Post graduates, 2. There were 58 from the Medical, Dental, etc., in March, making a total from all departments of 163. Bishop Walden and Secretary Thirkeald, trustees, were present during commencement week.

The various departments had their separate graduating exercises, over which the dean of that department presided. Of the five deans four are colored. The white dean, Dr. G. W. Hubbard, is at the head of the Medical department. Prof D. W. Byrd is dean of the Liberal Arts department, which includes all but the professional schools. Dr. E. W. S. Hammond is dean of the school of Theology. Capt. George T. Robinson is dean of the Law department, with a faculty composed of some of the first members of the Nashville bar, of both races, one of whom is an ex-confederate soldier. This ex-confederate, W. D. Covington, delivered the address to the class this year. He takes great interest in the department throughout the year, without pay. As a lawyer, he takes first rank and is one of Nashville's first citizens. He is generous to a fault, and is perfectly at home with his Negro disciples.

In introducing him, the Dean said: "Let us turn back forty years, when the next speaker looked upon a different scene from this. Then he was a rebel, carrying a musket, shooting the life out of somebody. I myself was a rebel. He represented the master class and I the slave class." The dean then paid Mr. Covington a high tribute, calling attention to the great service he had rendered. The speaker delivered a most eloquent, learned address on "The Lawyer." At the close of the programme President Hamilton was introduced and extended congratulations.

In referring to the introduction of Mr. Covington, President Hamilton said: "It reveals one of the most remarkable facts of history. A representative of the master class and one of the slave class, representing radically different ideas, meet to-day and clasp hands, both teaching, side by side, the science of law and respect for the law."

Sunday previous, in the forenoon, President Hamilton preached the Baccalaureate sermon; at night Bishop C. H. Phillips, an alumnus, preached the annual sermon. The commencement address was delivered on Thursday by Rev. M. C. B. Mason, D. O.

Miss M. E. Braden, daughter of the late President Jno. Braden, furnished good music for all the exercises. The four colored deans have been reappointed for next year.

Among the law graduates is a Japanese, Tokuyiro Shimada. The superintendent is Mr. John C. Dimond, of Hampton. President Hamilton favors the employment of colored men and women, and the trustees endorsed his administration at their recent meeting. During the past session more than 1,100 students, of all departments, were in attendance.

The Thanksgiving sermon of the G. N. O. O. F. is over and the members are happy, not that the speaker made a long address, for he preached only five minutes; but because the collection, \$270.50, has enabled them to buy a loving building, a spacious two-story brick, centrally located, with plenty of space to enlarge if need be. Preston Taylor, President of the Hall association, has bought the property for the order. The property is well worth \$10,000, but was bought for much less.

Prof. W. H. Council has been in the city for treatment during the past

week. His nerves are in a bad way and his mind is affected.

Hon J. C. Napier is on the sick list, having gotten a bone in a foot broken. He is improving.

Mrs. Boker T. Washington, en route home from Oberlin, stopped over 24 hours last week, on account of illness.

A Negro bank for Nashville has been assured. The building is being fitted up and the bank will be opened in the near future. R. H. Boyd, W. B. Chappelle and J. C. Napier are behind the enterprise.

Dean Geo. T. Robinson has returned from St. Louis, whither he went to witness the dedication exercises of the World's Fair. E. C. M.

A NOTED LECTURER DEAD.

Mrs. William Scott, a noted lecturer and missionary and special agent of the American Baptist Home Missionary Society for Negro Education, died at her home in Lathrop, Mo., June 10, of this year. She was one of the best known colored women in America and a most eloquent platform speaker, and traveled all through the western, central and eastern states, working for the Home Mission Society. In her last tour to the East, she went as far as Maine, and wherever she went, she was greeted with large and enthusiastic audiences, who cheerfully and willingly responded to her appeals. She leaves a husband and a number of grandchildren to mourn her demise.

THE YOUNG MEN'S PROTECTIVE LEAGUE EXCURSION.

The River Queen was crowded to its utmost capacity, Friday, June 18. The occasion was a special excursion of the Young Men's Protective League. This is one of the strongest and most popular organizations in the District, and whenever it gives an excursion or an entertainment of any kind, a large attendance is the result. Three trips were made to Notley Hall on the River Queen and everybody had a good time and the event passed off without incident. The officers of this League are to be congratulated on the great success achieved. Mr. James E. Walker, principal of the Syphax School, and who has held the office of president for the past four years, is surrounded by a genial, energetic set of officers. Through the courtesy of President Walker, Major Arthur Brooks, Dr. F. J. Cardozo, Dr. S. M. Pierre, Mr. W. J. Abrams and Mr. A. F. Boston, The Colored American's representative was given a most delightful reception.

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